Assistance to Iraq

285. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the assistance, so far, provided by Government for the reconstruction of Iraq after the military action by the coalition forces led by USA ended; and

(b) the nature and extent of further assistance proposed to be provided by Government for the reconstruction of Iraq during the next Two years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) and (b) In response to the UN Secretary General's Flash Appeal, early this year, India had committed US $ 20 million for humanitarian assistance to the Iraqi people. At the Donors Conference held in Madrid on October 23-24, 2003, India has committed an additional amount of US $ 10 million through Trust Funds being coordinated by the UNDP and IMF respectively for reconstruction needs of Iraq. This assistance cab be utilized in 2004.

Resolution adopted by UN Security Council on Iraq

286. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether on October 16, 2003 the UN Security Council had unanimously voted to adopt a contentions resolution on Iraq's future, legitimising US occupation of Iraq and support of such occupation with troops and cash;

(b) if so, the details of the resolution; and

(c) Government's reaction and response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The U.N. Security Council unanimously adopted resolution 1511 on October 16,2003 with regard to Iraq.

(b) A copy of UNSCR 1511 may be seen in the enclosed Statement-I *(See* below).

(c) A copy of the Press Release issued by Government of India with regard to UNSCR 1511 may be seen in the enclosed Statement-II